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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: D. Dang  
SUSUMU IGARASHI ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2621  
Application No.: 10/073,112 )  
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Filed: February 12, 2002 )  
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For: IMAGE CODER/DECODER, )  
IMAGE CODING/DECODING )  
METHOD, AND STORAGE )  
MEDIUM : March 8, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Species I (the species of Fig. 1), on which Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 23, and 25 are readable, for initial prosecution on the merits.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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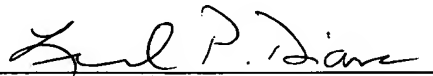
  
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Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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